

**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF HEARING AID DEALER EXAMINERS  
OCTOBER 6, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Payne called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. in Conference Center Room 6 located in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and established a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-29-2-5.

**Members Present:**

Robert H. Payne, H.A.D, Chairman  
Allen Reese, H.A.D.  
Anthony Gigli, Consumer Member

**Members Absent:**

Richard Miyamoto, M.D.  
Vacant Member, H.A.D., Vice-Chair

**Staff Present:**

Ronnie Saunders, Committee Assistant Director  
Kevin McDowell, Deputy Attorney General

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.

REESE/GIGLI  
Motion carried 3-0-0

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 6, 2010**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2010 meeting of the Committee.

REESE/GIGLI  
Motion carried 3-0-0

**IV. PRESENTATION – INDIANA HEARING AIDE ALLIANCE**

Ms. Vicki Fisher, from the Board of Directors, and Mr. Bart Giesler, Executive Director, both of the Indiana Hearing Aid Alliance (“Alliance”) presented information about the Alliance potentially administering the practical examinations.

Mr. Giesler presented and reviewed the draft agreement for Professional Licensing Agency. The examination would potentially be administered in locations outside of the State of Indiana; the Committee wants to make sure that the practical examination for Indiana licensure that was administrated outside the borders would still be valid. Ms. Fisher and Mr. Giesler also proposed that the current Committee members still be available and have the option to proctor the examination.

Mr. Giesler also addressed liability and insurance; sponsors would be required to come along with a student for testing. The sponsor would be on site during the practical examinations as the student would demonstrate his/her abilities on the sponsor (e.g., impression molds).

The Committee expressed concerns about the examination only being offered twice and did not want students waiting six months or a year to test. Ms. Fisher stated that the examination would be offered at least twice a year but the intent would be to offer it four times per year.

## **V. PERSONAL APPERANCES**

### **a. Melody Rae Maddox, SHAD Applicant**

Ms. Maddox appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on her renewal application and petition for a third SHAD permit. She was also accompanied with her first sponsor Mr. Scott Winget.

Ms. Maddox explained that she had been trying to continue learning within the field but has been doing only administrative work.

Ms. Maddox stated that she did not know that her first SHAD was even issued to her and never really worked on it; Mr. Winget stated that he had not provided her with sufficient supervision during that time and takes responsibility for her “wasted” first year.

Ms. Maddox also recounted her personal troubles between 2003 and 2007. She stated that her recovery efforts have “refocused” her life. Mr. Robert Payne took issue with Ms. Maddox not showing up for her previously schedule personal appearances and not contacting the Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Maddox a third SHAD permit.

REESE/PAYNE  
Motion carried 3-0-0

**b. Larry J. Arel, SHAD Applicant**

Mr. Arel failed again to appear before the Board to discuss the positive response on his renewal application.

A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Arel a SHAD permit.

REESE /GIGLI  
Motion carried 3-0-0

**c. Tammy Rae Witte, SHAD Applicant**

Ms. Witte failed to appear before the Board to discuss the positive response on her application.

Ms. Witte explained she was receiving medical treatment for an injury to her gallbladder and back. She had been receiving prescribed hydrocodone but her first doctor did not make the notation of Ms. Witte saying that she was already taking medication. When her second doctor wrote a prescription for medication, she was cited for unlawfully obtaining a legend drug.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Witte for SHAD permit.

REESE/GIGLI  
Motion carried 3-0-0

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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**Robert H. Payne, H.A.D.**  
**Chairman, Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners**

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**Date**